

# ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 3  
23RD OCTOBER  
2024

## Leadership Message

### Dates to Remember:

- Assembly hosted by 5/6 Horigan 25th October
- Preschool & Trans Open sessions 20th November
- Farm working bee 2nd November
- Early Years Swimming 18th November onwards



### 2025 Intentions

We are currently reviewing projected student numbers for 2025 and starting to design class structures for 2025.

If you have plans to leave Alawa we would appreciate you advising us through the front office.



As we dive into the third week of Term 4, I am thrilled to report a positive atmosphere across the school. I have been into all Primary classes administering my PEP talks. My message to the students ended with positivity being the key message. Accepting negative thoughts come and trying to flip it into a positive.

We are also pleased to announce that PAT testing is now complete. Students approached the assessments with enthusiasm, demonstrating their hard work and commitment throughout the year. Your child has also been involved in one-to-one testing with their teacher. This is a great way for teachers to capture your child's learning for reports and also to inform teachers of your child's next steps.

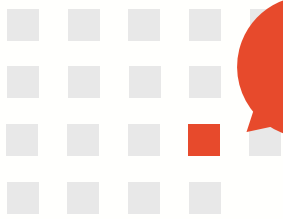
Looking ahead, we invite all families to join us for the Farm Working Bee on the 2nd of November. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together, support our school environment, and enjoy some time outdoors. I will make sure that there are icy poles and fresh fruit for the event.

Thank you for your continued support as we make this term a great success!

**Jed Henderson**  
[Assistant Principal of the Best School in the Multiverse]



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**DONT  
FORGET**



Friday 25th October	Assembly hosted by 5/6 Horigan	8:40am - 9:15am
Saturday 2nd November	Farm Working Bee	8:30am - 10:30am
Thursday 7th November	Transition to Dripstone Session	8:30am - 10:00am
Friday 8th November	Basketball Gala Day Assembly hosted by 4/5 Chamberlain	All day 8:40am - 9:15am
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day	All day
Thursday 14th November	Children's University Graduation Transition to Dripstone Session NTLC Pitch to the Minister	TBC 8:30am - 10:00am All day
Tuesday 19th November	Paediatric Clinic with Dr Corey Driscoll	All day
Thursday 21st November	Transition to Dripstone Session Young Achievers at DMS	8:30am - 10:00am All day
Friday 22nd November	Assembly hosted by Mrs Baines and Learning Commission	8:40am - 9:15am



## END OF YEAR EVENTS



- Preschool Graduation - Wednesday 4th December, 5:00pm-6:00pm
- Year 6 Graduation - Thursday 5th December, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- Year 6 Fun Day - Friday 6th December, All day
- Presentation and Awards Assembly - Tuesday 10th December, 9:00am - 10:30am

# Alawa

## Tea Towels



Orders due by  
Wednesday  
November 6th

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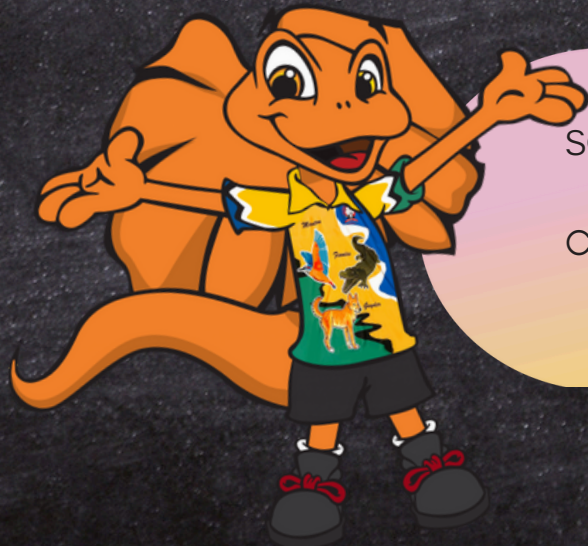
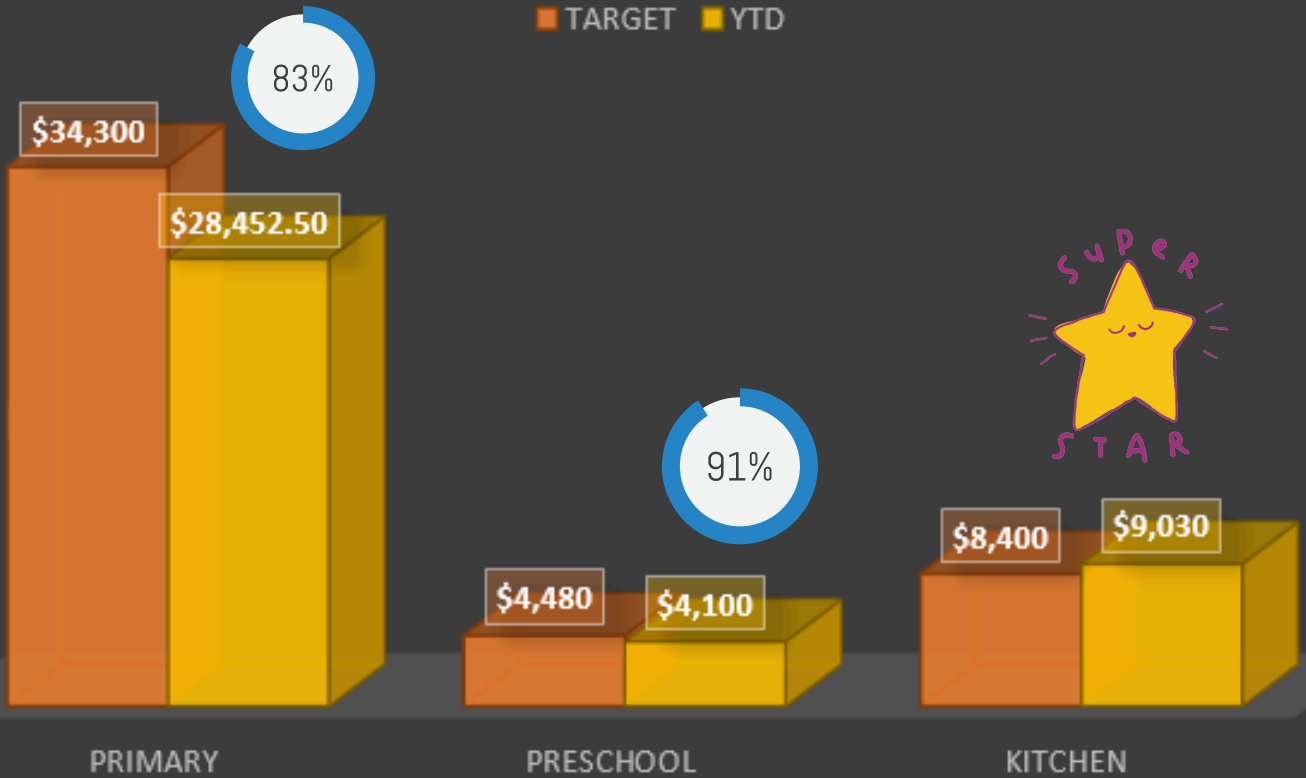




# ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 2024 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

■ TARGET ■ YTD



PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS HELP ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL TO BE THE BEST SCHOOL IN THE MULTIVERSE, BY PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF EQUIPMENT AND CONSUMABLES, INCLUDING LIBRARY BOOKS, LITERACY AND NUMERACY RESOURCES, ICT EQUIPMENT AND ART AND CRAFT SUPPLIES.





# HONOUR AWARDS AND HONOUR DISTINCTION



The following students will receive their Honour Awards this Friday 25th October:

Toby Kinnane	Shannon Gleeson	Havana Aparis Clemente
Taylor Bowman	Indiana Jeffery-Kent	Kavya Karmacharya
Aislin Vickery	Eleanor Farquhar Walker	Xavier Vujcich
Flynn Cleary	Indi Smyth	Tommy Wolfe
Chelsea Coote	Frankie Sheridan	Georgie Barkley
Ruby Smyth	Jordy Woods-Petterson	Charlotte Smallbone
Courtney Crawford	Jerome Dowling	Harry Frawley
Eva Li	Elena Rashidi	Frankie Jeffery-Kent
Heath Miles	Catherine Miles	Suri Nguyen
Steven Ordonez	Felix Aquino-Fahey	Savvy Winn

Alawa students have been doing such an incredible job of using their ALLE tools and displaying the Alawa values that our assemblies for the remainder of the year are full for students receiving their Honour Distinction Award!

This week we have **Maebe Thomson** receiving an Honour Distinction!

# Congratulations!



# LIBRARY NEWS



Book Club Issue 7 went home with Students in Week 1.

If you have missed getting one you can pick up a copy from the

Front Office or head online and view and order from the catalogue on the Book Club LOOP site [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

Orders are due back by Friday the 25th of October. You can view the catalogue and order online through the Scholastic Bookclub website at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP), download the LOOP app From [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.scholastic LOOP) or from the [App Store](https://apps.apple.com/au/app/scholastic-loop/id1488888888) or return your order form and payment to the office. Spare catalogues will be available at the office if you missed out.

This issue offers up to 3 free books depending on how much you spend. You will have the option to mark the order as a gift and I will ring you when it arrives so you can collect it otherwise orders will go home with your child.

The Library receives points for all orders placed which we use to purchase books for the library and to support the curriculum.

## **Books of interest in Issue 7, 2024 include:**

If you enjoyed this years National Simultaneous Storytime book Bowerbird Blues Aura Parker has a new instalment of the story – **Bowerbird Brood** for \$12 [ #044 ]

For Lego and STEM lovers there is a **Lego Gravity Drop** which sees the creation of a Drop Tower, Labyrinth, Zip Line, Grabber Claw and more! \$29 [ #060 ]

Horrible Histories has a new book out published this year **Paws, Claws and Jaws**. Discover all the amazing and awful facts about barmy beasts and cagey creatures across history. \$3 [ #401 ]

**My Emotions and Me** - "My Emotions and Me is more than just a book; it's a guide for understanding and navigating emotions. Its unique blend of fun cartoons and practical advice makes it a great choice for parents and children looking to explore their feelings together." – [Review by Liz Banks](#) -The Parenting Daily \$24 [ #421 ]

**Christmas Baking for Kids** \$25 [ #517 ] Includes 48 page Cookbook, 3 Cookie Cutters, 12 Muffin Cases, Mini Rolling Pin, Piping Bag and 4 Nozzles.

I have run out of room but there is sooo much more...

**Ms Sacha [Library/ICT]**





# MATHS PROBLEMS

During Term 4, starting this week, Math problems will be posted on the student noticeboard on the Monday and also shared in the newsletter. Students are invited to submit their answers through to Ms Cartwright each week by Friday morning to earn house points. Parents are also welcome to have a go at the HARD level for house points.

www.solvemoji.com - MEDIUM  
SOLUTIONS, PUZZLES & LEADERBOARDS ONLINE

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Puzzle ID: 7276 [Solvemoji.com](http://Solvemoji.com)

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Puzzle ID: 7277 [Solvemoji.com](http://Solvemoji.com)

Have fun, Ms Cartwright

# KITCHEN NEWS

We have had a few fun weeks in the kitchen for the start of this term.

Week 1 was yummy scones with jam and cream to practice our baking skills. We were learning about some of the chemical reactions that take place to make scones light and fluffy.

Last week we went to Spain and made Spanish omelettes which had chorizo in them as well as lots of farm eggs. These were fun to make, very easy and very tasty.

This week we will be trying our hand at Spanakopita triangles with cheese and spinach which will be yummy and exciting to wrap.

All these and more will be in our Alawa recipe book which will be ready to purchase at the end of the year.



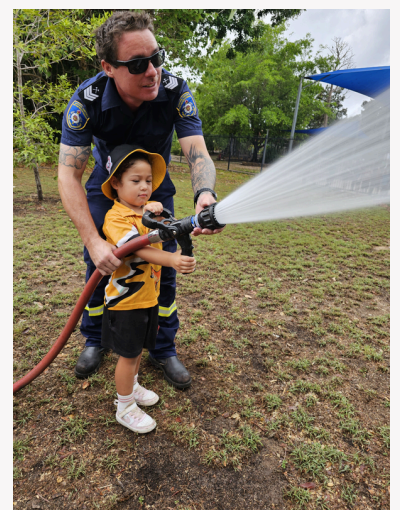
**Ms Sullivan [Kitchen Teacher]**



# PRESCHOOL NEWS

Last week preschool hosted a visit from the Fire Department. The children were very excited when the truck arrived with many of them screaming with delight as they ran to the fence.

The children got to sit in the truck have a look at what is inside the truck and then squirt the fire hose. As a part of the preschool program we try and connect with a community organisation at least once a term. This helps the children to become connected with the greater world and feel that they belong!



**Ms Henschke, Ms Churchman, Ms Kelly, Ms Flor, Ms Katie [The Preschool Team]**



# DSM NEWS

I hope you are all settling into Term 4 smoothly! It has been lovely to reconnect with the kids after the holidays and hear all about their adventures. Thank you also to those who have been in touch regarding family changes over the next couple of months.



The last couple of weeks at Defence Kids Club have been chaos! We eased into the term with playing card games, board games, chess and dominoes. And last week created Pop Stick People (and creatures) which were very cute. There were a number of butterflies, aliens and mermaids created using pop sticks, pipe cleaners and twine which turned out fantastic. Unfortunately, among the chaos I wasn't able to snap a photo, so hopefully some of them made it home unscathed.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

**Ms Laura [Defence School Mentor]**

## CLASSROOM NEWS 3/4 GARDNER

Welcome to Week 3, Term 4!

3/4 Gardner have started the term very well and have been diving deep into poetry during writing time.

We have been learning about the purpose of poems and have been focusing on limericks. Students have been working hard to plan and write their own funny limericks about people, animals and things.



There once was a person named Togs  
Who ate a small green tree frog.  
It went down his throat  
Then sounded like a boat.  
Then all his friends called him Frog.

A There once was a spoon called Blue  
A All of his wishes came true.  
B He went into his room,  
B He flew over the moon.  
A But then his plants grew  
A green.

**From 3/4 Gardner**

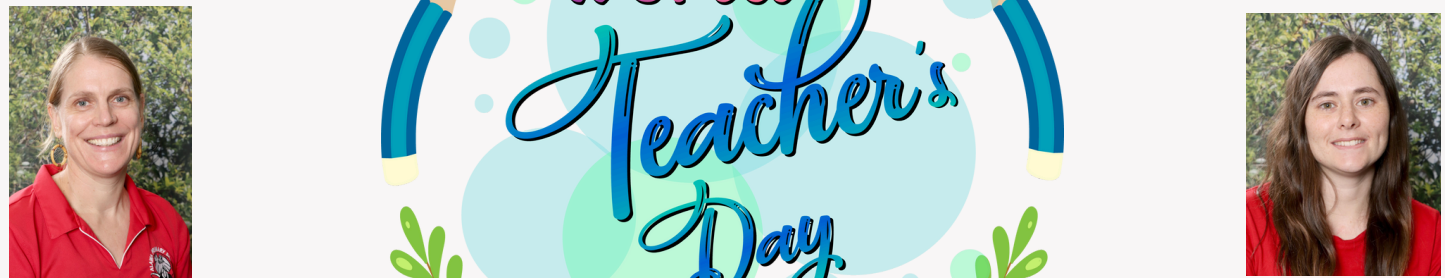
# WORLD TEACHERS DAY

♥  
**TEACHING IS A  
WORK OF HEART**

This Friday 25th October we celebrate World Teachers Day.

World Teachers Day honours the dedication, hard work and passion of teachers who play a crucial role in shaping the minds and futures of children. By celebrating this day and showing our appreciation, we can help create a supportive and encouraging environment that allows teachers to thrive and continue making a positive impact on children's lives.

A big shout out to our amazing teachers here at Alawa School that go above and beyond for every student!!! You are appreciated!!!







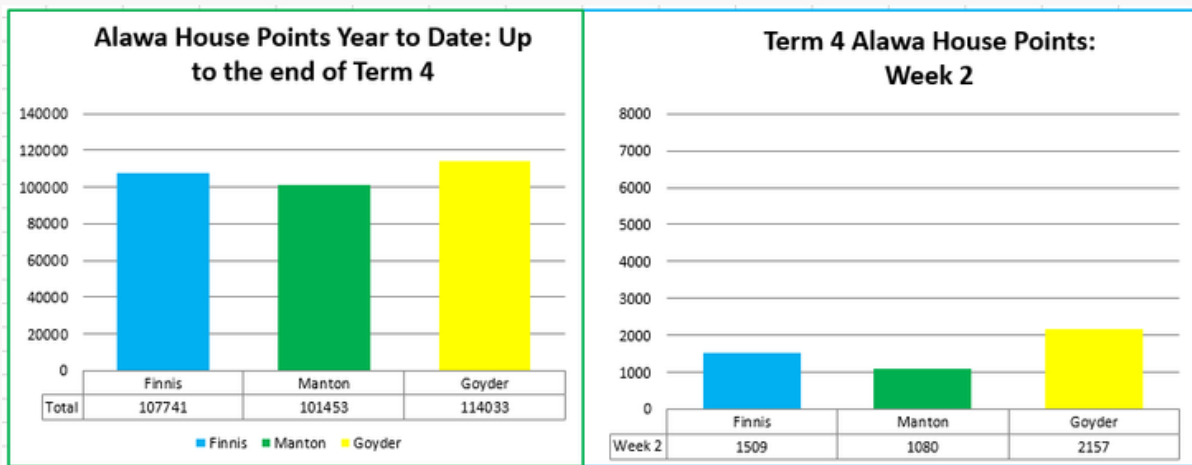
# HOUSE POINTS



Students at Alawa receive raffle tickets [house points] for their attitude and behaviour in the playground and out the front of the school at the end of the day. Points are then counted on a Friday along with the points for students in full uniform, wearing house shirts etc.

At the end of each term, we also include the point's earned through the recycling project and water bottle checks. Parents can also earn points for their houses by volunteering at the school- Whether it's in the kitchen, the farm, the library, the canteen or even in the classroom, parents can earn 100 points each time they volunteer. Make contact with your classroom teacher or the front office to find out more information.

**In Week 2 of Term 4 Goyder was ahead with 2157 points!  
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 114033 points!**

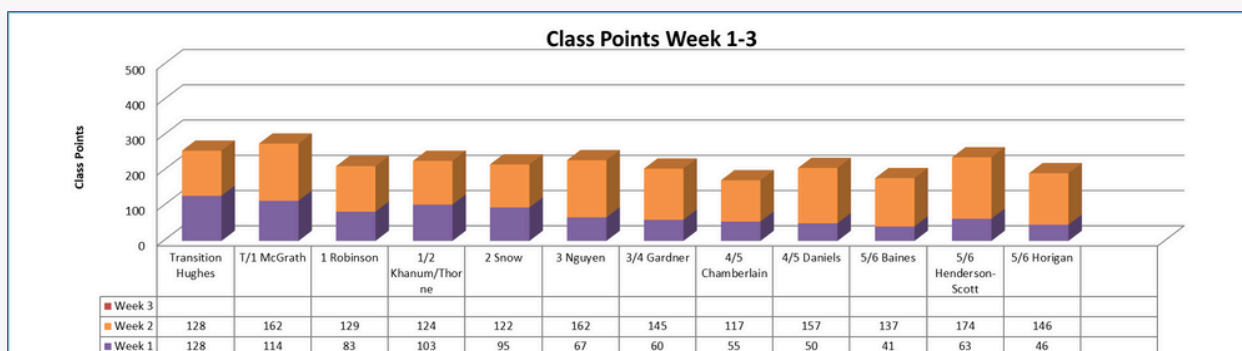


# CLASS POINTS

Muster is held at Alawa after each recess and lunch break - this gives us an opportunity for everyone to settle from playtime, share any celebrations and work on consistency of messages and expectations.

Each week we allocate class points during Muster time recognising those students who were ready and waiting to go back to class calmly and quietly after break times. The winning class from each 3 weeks will receive ice-blocks from our Principal and get to choose 3 songs that will play before our bells for the following 3 weeks.

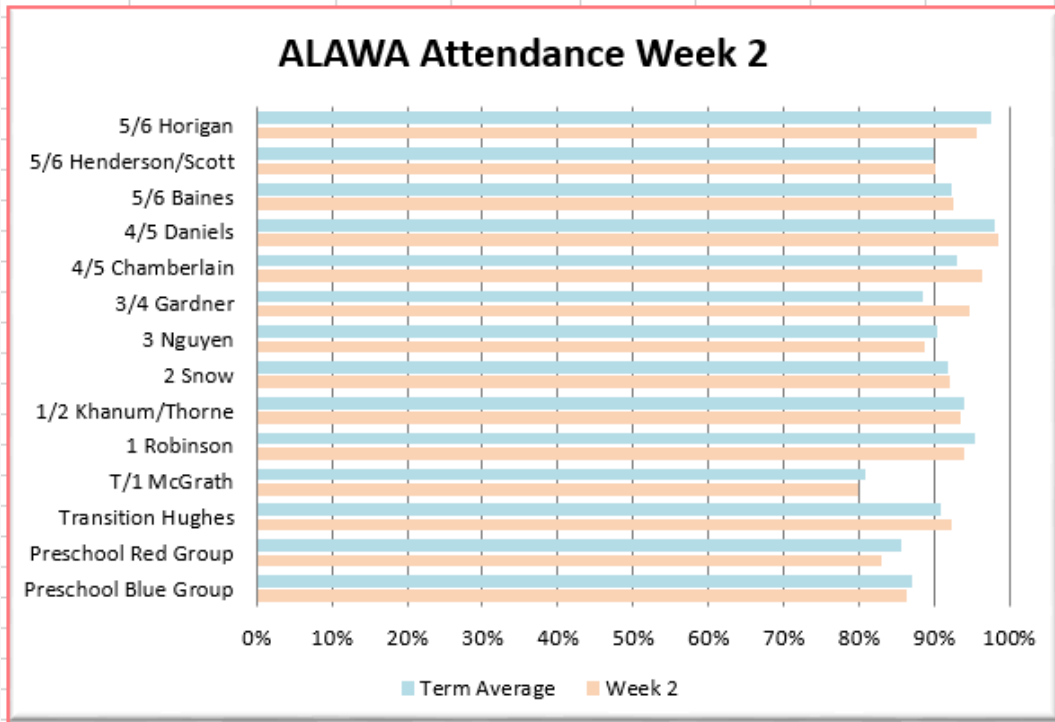
**The class with the most points in Week 2 of Term 4 was.... 5/6 Hend/Scott with 174 points!!!**



# ATTENDANCE



**Primary School Average for Week 2 Term 4: 92.39%**  
**The class with the highest attendance for Week 2: 4/5 Daniels!!!**  
**Amazing job!!!**



### Family holidays / absences during school time:

We request that any families who are considering holidays or being away during school time discuss this as early as possible [at least a weeks notice] with the Principal or Assistant Principal so a program of work can be negotiated [for a limited period of time not extended]. If this does not happen according to departmental guidelines the absences are recorded as unacceptable in the student administration system.

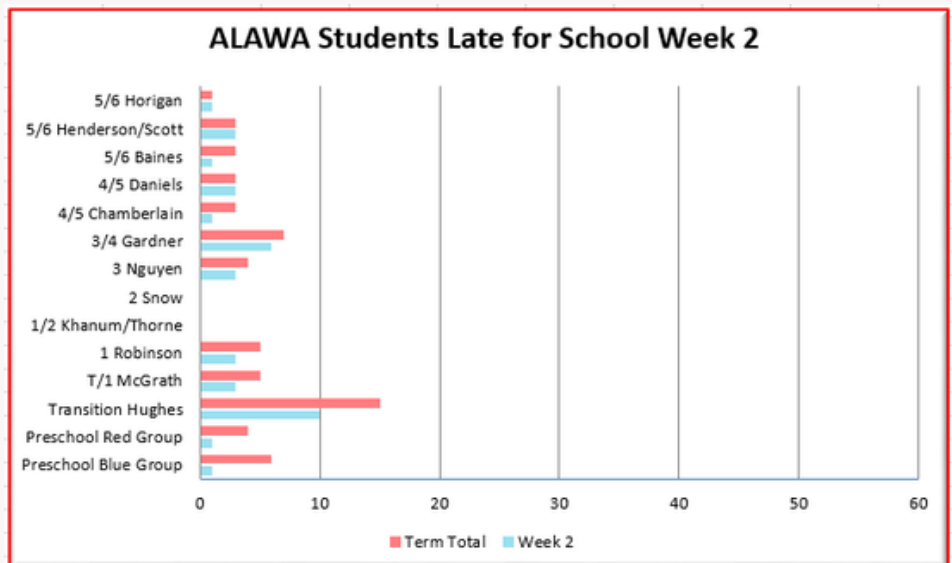
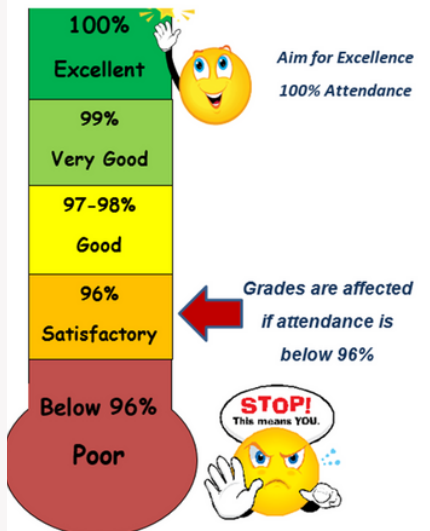
# LATES

Arriving late for school has a significant impact on your child's learning and engagement in the education program.

**There were 36 lates in Week 1!**

**For Week 2 it was fabulouso to see 1/2 Khanum/Thorne, 2 Snow with no lates this week.**

## ATTENDANCE



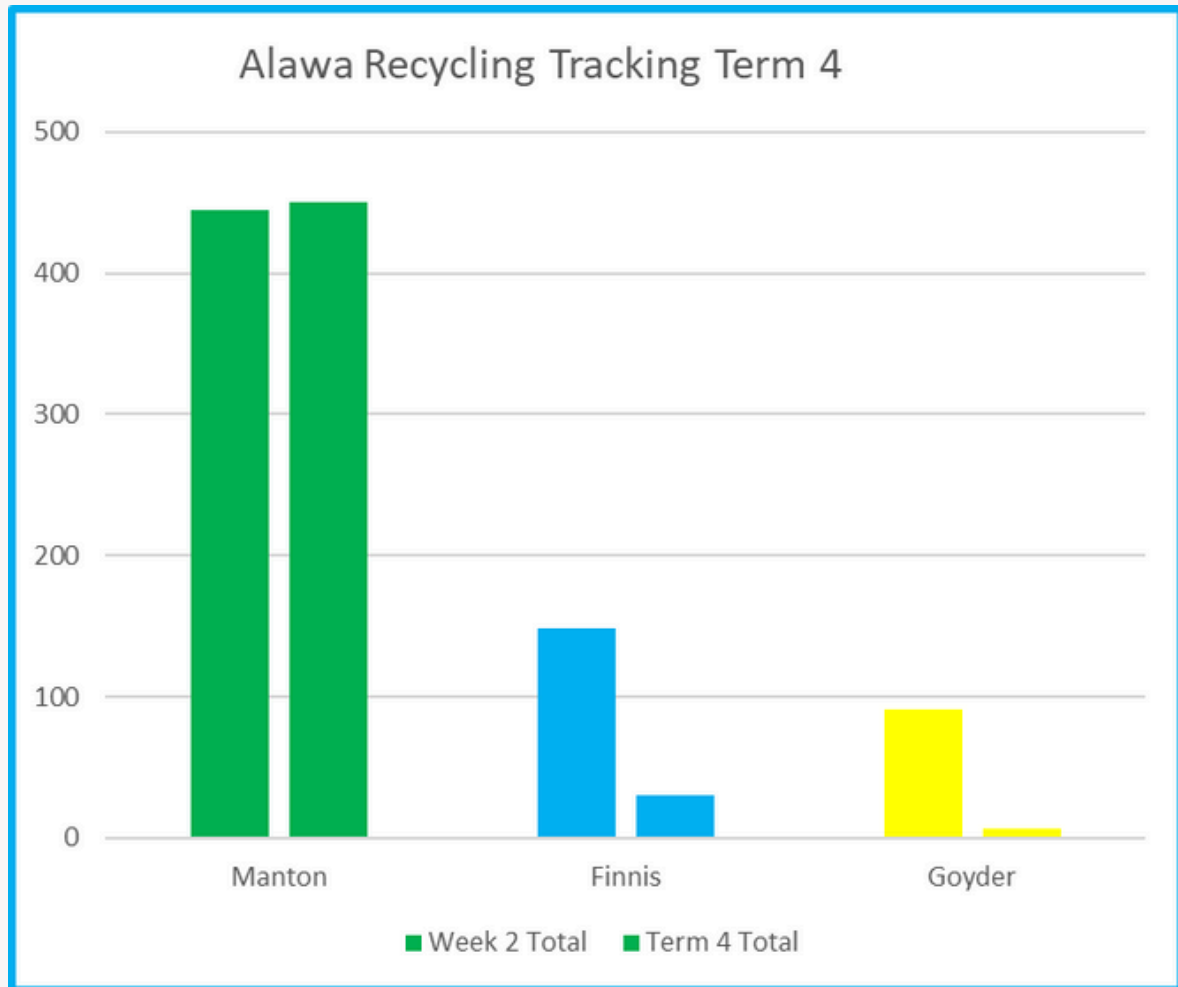


# RECYCLING



Our recycling bags are up and ready for deposits in their usual location in the back car park hanging on the fence.

Each bag represents a house and all items will be recorded as a point for your house. Items can be delivered during school hours and placed directly into the bags.

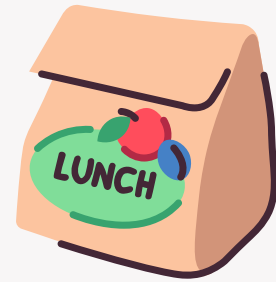
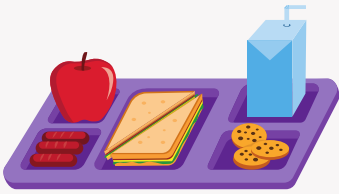


## OSHC COMMITTEE

The Alawa OSHC Committee is collecting feedback to better understand the out-of-school hours care (OSHC) needs of the Alawa school community.

This anonymous survey will help us understand the potential for a long term OSHC service at Alawa Primary School. Please only complete this survey once per family.

Click [HERE](#) to access the survey!



## Place your canteen orders online with Spriggy Schools

We are excited to announce the introduction of a new online lunch ordering system called Spriggy Schools from 01/08/2024.- Menu will be available to purchase on Thursday & Friday's LUNCH ONLY at this stage and will be delivered to the school.

Spriggy Schools will make lunch orders more convenient for both families and the canteen.

Steps to get started:

1. Go to [www.spriggyschools.com.au](http://www.spriggyschools.com.au) to register and download the app.
2. Add a profile for each of your children, making sure you select Alawa Primary School and your child's class.
3. Start placing lunch orders!

If you have any questions, please contact Spriggy Schools via their webchat on the website or in the app.

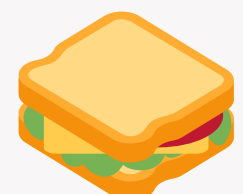
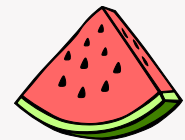


### Beyond Catering NT

#### CHILDS TEACHER/CLASS:

#### PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE

<b>STANDARD LUNCH PACK #A</b> - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Piece of Fruit & Popcorn (V) (GF AVAILABLE)	\$6.50
<b>STANDARD LUNCH PACK #B</b> - Chicken & Cheese Sandwich, Piece of Fruit & Popcorn (H) (GF AVAILABLE)	\$6.50
<b>STANDARD LUNCH PACK #C</b> - Vegetarian & Hummus Sandwich, Piece of Fruit & Popcorn (V)(H) (GF AVAILABLE)	\$6.00
Tandoori chicken wrap	\$6.00
<b>HOT SELECTION, COLD SELECTION, EXTRAS &amp; ADD ON MEALS</b>	
North Indian Butter Chicken with Steamed Jasmine Rice (H) (GF)	\$6.75
Chinese Chicken Egg & Vegetable Fried Rice (H)(GF)(DF)	\$6.75
Cheesy tomato and penne pasta (V)	\$6.00
Mexican burrito	\$6.50
Straight up Hot Dog - Plain / no sauce	\$4.50
Saucy Hot Dog - with sauce only	\$4.75
Cheesy Hot Dog - With cheese / no sauce	\$5.00
Loaded Hot Dog - With cheese and tomato sauce	\$5.50
Chicken Dino Nuggets - Each	\$0.75
Sauce - Tomato Squeeze	\$0.50
Sauce - BBQ Squeeze	\$0.50
Mini chips	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Salad Pot - In-Season Fruit, Low Fat Yogurt & Granola	\$4.50
Fresh Watermelon Cup (GF)	\$1.75
Dairy free banana bread (df)	\$3.50
Blueberry Muffin	\$3.50
Japanese Homemade Chicken & Avocado Sushi with Soy Sauce (H)(GF)(DF)	\$5.50
Japanese Homemade Tuna & Avocado Sushi with Soy Sauce(GF)(DF)	\$5.00
Japanese Homemade Vegetarian Sushi with Soy Sauce(V)(GF)(DF)	\$5.00
Steamed Chicken Caesar Salad with Croutons, Bacon, & Iceberg Lettuce (H)	\$6.00
<b>DRINKS</b>	
Water	\$2.50
Nippy's Chocolate Milk	\$4.00
Nippy's Strawberry Milk	\$4.00
Golden Circle Popper Juice Box - Tropical	\$3.50
Golden Circle Popper Juice Box - Apple & Blackcurrant	\$3.50
(V) - Vegetarian	(H) - Halal
(GF) - Gluten Free	(DF) - Dairy Free





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# COMMUNITY NOTICES






## EVERYONE CAN PLAY!

The Northern Territory Music School invites you to apply for your child's enrolment in our instrumental and choir programs for 2025.

**Who are we?**  
The NT Music School is a division of the NT Department of Education that offers instrumental, ensemble and choir tuition in government schools.

**What are the benefits?**  
Learning to play a musical instrument and singing in a choir can have both academic and social benefits, as well as being rewarding and enjoyable. We invite your child to begin their musical journey with us.

**How does it work?**  
Application to enrol is offered to students from Year 4 in primary school and to students in middle school. Students come out of class once a week for a 30 minute instrumental lesson with an NT Music School teacher. Students play and practise at home to learn instrument technique, music reading and performance skills. Our choir program is offered by audition. Successful students attend weekly choir rehearsals after school.

**What does the program offer?**  
Students can join a guitar ensemble or join our bass guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion lessons. They will also have the opportunity to participate in school performances and access events such as the BEAT Festival!

**What will it cost?**  
Lessons are free. Once enrolment is confirmed, an annual contribution of \$100 is requested. Instruments can be hired for a semester from \$100. Sports Vouchers are accepted to assist with the cost of hiring instruments. Students are required to purchase a tutor book from \$25.

**How can I apply?**  
Head to the NT Music School website [www.ntms.net.au](http://www.ntms.net.au) for more information, and complete the online Application Form for the Instrument Program or the Choir Program.

**Applications close 1st December, 2024.**





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## ALAWA FARM

### Farm Working Bee

Please come along and support our Working Bee  
 on Saturday 2nd November  
 8.30am - 10:30am  
 Refreshments and a fruit snack supplied

Please wear a hat, sun-safe clothing and covered shoes. Any extra wheelbarrows and machinery to prune trees etc welcome.  
 Each volunteer receives 100 House points.

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